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scenarios could total millions of dollars of additional taxpayer-funded state aid. And absolutely, why wouldn't Malcolm then close Oak Valley? If they're going to get these additional students, they're going to get these additional state aid dollars. Yes, they're going to have increased costs. There could be additional transportation costs. If they were to bus all 28 or 30, however many it is, students from Oak Valley to Malcolm, chances are...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...chances are there would have to be another bus. Chances are there might be, if there were ten kids in one class, there might have to be some more desks. If there were ten students in the 2nd grade and now were over the optimal number of students in the lower elementary grades, chances are that class would have to be split, and that means hiring another teacher. If the teacher from the Class I were assimilated into the Malcolm school as well, or any K-12 as well, then if she has or he has more seniority, chances are that they're going to be hired and one of the existing teachers riffed. If you have more seniority, chances are you're higher up on the pay scale--again, an additional cost for the taxpayers of Nebraska. I'll talk about this more next time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You've heard the opening on AM0251, offered by Senator Hudkins. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of Senator Hudkins' efforts to delay this several years because I have a concern that any time the state steps in to attempt to make everything look the same, quality education gets put on the back burner. When quality does not enter into the mix, I think children, families and communities, probably in that order, stand to lose. That is why I oppose LB 126 and Senator Raikes' efforts to make everything look the same, so that all teachers can be paid the same, so that all administrators can administrate the same thing. And I'm actually kind of anxious to see how many districts will then have a new administrative position called assistant